

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 15-20 remain pending in this application.

Priority

Applicants request the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority. The priority document was filed at the International Phase and acknowledged in the Official Filing Receipt mailed December 10, 2001.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-2, 5-8 and 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sitaraman et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,170) in view of Applicants Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). These rejections are traversed as follows.

The new claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art. Claim 15 is directed to a packet communication control apparatus that includes means for transferring a packet to a home gateway apparatus of a first communication apparatus after adding an identifier of a home gateway apparatus of a second communication apparatus. In addition, the home gateway apparatus of the first communication apparatus transfers the packet to the home gateway apparatus of the second communication apparatus according to the identifier thereof. Claim 15 also recites means for monitoring a signal for sending a query from the first

communication apparatus to the server about the address information of the second communication apparatus as well as a memory for storing the address information of the second communication apparatus.

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's statement regarding an admission of prior art in the specification. In the specification, it is stated merely that the home agent of the destination mobile terminal then receives the packet sent to the home address and adds a header including the visiting address of the destination mobile terminal to the received packet and transfers it to the destination mobile terminal. The "visiting address" is not the same as the identifier of the home gateway apparatus of the second communication apparatus as specified in the claims. Therefore, there is no such admission and such is not disclosed in the prior art.

Claim 17 recites a means for monitoring a signal for sending a query, a memory for storing the address information of the second communication apparatus, a means for reading the identifier of the home gateway apparatus of the second communication apparatus when receiving a packet, and means for transferring the packet to the home gateway apparatus of the second communication apparatus according to the identifier thereof. These features are not admitted as prior art and are not disclosed in the cited references.

Finally, claim 19 recites that the gateway apparatus includes means for receiving a packet sent to the second communication apparatus, means for sending a query to the server about the address information of the second communication


apparatus, and means for transferring said packet to the home gateway apparatus of the second communication apparatus according to the identifier thereof. For the reasons mentioned above, these features render this claim patentable as well. As such, it is submitted that all of the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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